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SUMMARRY: DANES WILL PARTICIPATE IN NEXT WEEK'S ORGANZING MEETING OF COORDINATION GROUP IN WASHINGTON BUT WOULD PREFER IF MEETING COULD BE HELD SEVERAL DAYS LATER THAN FEB. 25. THEY DO NOT FAVOR IDEA OF ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP AMONG PARTICIPANTS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ABSENCE OF FONMIN GULDBERG I CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY JENS CHRISTENSEN TODAY WITH THE SECRETARY'S CONFIDENTIAL

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PARA 9 OF REFTEL.

2. CHRISTENSEN (WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE WASHINGTON MEETING) SAID THE DANES HAD FORESEEN POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY MEETING OF THE COORDINATING GROUP AND HE WAS THEREFORE NOT SURPRISED AT THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE. ON BALANCE, THEY THOUGHT THE NEXT MEETING SHOULD BE IN EUROPE FOR WHAT HE TERMED "PRACTICAL REASONS", BUT THE QUESTION OF PLACE WAS NOT THAT IMPORTANT AND IF THE US FAVORED MEETING IN WASHINGTON THE DANES WOULD BE THERE. CHRISTENSEN THEN SAID THAT FEB 25 WOULD BE AN AWKWARD DATE FOR THE OPENING OF THEMEETING AS FAR AS THEY WERE CONCERNED. HE EXPLAINED THAT MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR FEB 22 OF ALL THE DANES WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE WASHINGTON MEETING (AND PRESUMABLY OTHERS) TO WORK OUT A DANISH POSITION ON ENERGY MATTERS. THIS POSITION WOULD BE PUT TO THE CABINET THE MORNING OF FEB 25 AND TO THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES CONCERNED THAT AFTERNOOON. ALL THIS WAS IN PREPARATION FOR FONMIN GULDBERG'S DEPARTURE FEB 26 FOR A VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. CHRISTENSEN WENT TO SOME LENGTHS TO EXPLAIN THAT THIS VISIT HAD LONG BEEN PLANNED AND WAS PRINCIPALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPENING A DANISH COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT. HE WANTED US TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WASNOT A NEW EFFORT AT BILATERAL DEALING ON THE OIL QUESTION. (HOWEVER, SEE SEPTEL TODAY ON VISIT OF SAUDI ARABIA.)

3. FOR THIS REASON IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE DANES IF NEXT WEEK'S WASHINGTON MEETING COULD BE POSTPONED FOR SEVERAL DAYS, I.E., UNTIL THEIR ENERGY POLICY HAD RECEIVED GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL, BUT IF POSTPONEMENT WERE NOT POSSIBLE THE DANES WOULD BE WILLING TO GO AHEAD ON THE 25TH.

4. WE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE QUESTION OF A CHAIRMAN. CHRISTENSEN SAID THAT DANISH EXPERIENCE WITH A ROTATING CHAIRMAN IN THE NORDIC COUNCIL HAD NOT BEEN VERY GOOD. IT HAD OFTEN LED TO A TENDENCY TO POSTPONE TAKING HARD DECISIONS SINCE EACH CHAIRMAN PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE HIS LEADERSHIP MARRED BY ACRIMONIOUS ARGUMENTS. THEREFORE HE CONFIDENTIAL

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THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THE COORDINATING GROUP COULD AGREE ON THE RIGHT PERSON. FROM HIS OWN POINT OF VIEW HE THOUGHT LORD CARRINGTON'S DEPUTY, LEONARD WILLIAMS, MIGHT HAVE THE QUALITIES WHICH WOULD MAKE HIM A GOOD CHAIRMAN ACCEPTABLE TO ALL.

5. CHRISTENSEN SAID THERE WAS CERTAINLY NO DISAGREEMENT WITH THE POINTS IN PARA 5 SUGGESTED FOR THE COORDINATING

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GROUP TO CONSIDER, BUT HE HOPED THE GROUP WOULD GO A
LITTLE FURTHER INTO SUBSTANCE AS THERE IS A GREAT DEAL
TO BE DONE -- AND NOT MUCH TIME TO LOSE -- BEFORE THERE
CAN BE A PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE. HE STRESSED HIS
STRONG HOPE THAT THE INITIATIVE SET IN MOTION AT THE
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE COULD BE BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF ITS INTRINSIC IMPORTANCE
BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE DISPUTE WHICH HAS ARISEN ON THIS
SUBJECT BETWEEN THE EIGHT AND THE FRENCH. IF OUR EFFORTS
ARE A SUCCESS THEY WILL AVOID MANY OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH
WILL ARISE DURING UN CONSIDERATION OF THE ENERGY ISSUE.

6. I ASKED CHRISTENSEN WHAT HE THOUGHTLAY IN JOBERT'S
MIND WHICH MADE HIM BEHAVE AS HE HAD IN WASHINGTON.
CHRISTENSEN REPLIED IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SAY. HIS LATEST
WORD WAS THAT THE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE FRENCH WERE NOT
BEING CARRIED OVER INTO OTHER EC BUSINESS AND THAT THE
AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE, FOR INSTANCE, WAS TODAY WORKING
TOWARD A COMPROMISE SOLUTION. DESPITE THIS, IT WOULD
PROBABLY BE BETTER NOT TO LAUNCH ANY NEW INITIATIVES WITHIN
THE EC AT THIS TIME. HE ADDED THAT, IN HIS VIEW, IF THE EC
HAD BEEN ABLE TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE ENERGY ISSUE BEFORE
CHRISTMAS, THINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT. AS IT WAS,
THE DANES COULD SEE NO REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE TO WORKING
TOGETHER WITH THE US, JAPAN AND CANADA AS REGARDS ENERGY.
JOBERT, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD ARGUE THAT EUROPE MUST
WORK BY ITSELF BECAUSE THE US HAS ITS OWN SEPARATE INTERESTS.

7. IN CONCLUDING OUR CONVERSATION, CHRISTENSEN SAID
THAT THE DANES WOULD BE REPRESENTED IN WASHINGTON
WHENEVER THE CONFERENCE WAS HLED. AS THINGS STOOD NOW,
HE MIGHT BE THE DANISH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COORDIN-
ATING GROUP (WHICH I SAID WOULD BE EXCELLENT) WHILE
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RIBERHOLDT (WHO WAS PRESENT DURING OUR TALK) MIGHT BE
THEIR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WORKING GROUP OF SENIOR
OFFICIALS SINCE HE HAS SPECIALIZED IN ENERGY MATTERS.
I THANKED CHRISTENSEN AND SAID THAT I WOULD REPORT HIS
VIEWS AND ANYTHING FURTHER HE COULD LET US HAVE ABOUT
DANISH PARTICIPATION.

8. COMMENT: I FOUND THE DANISH ATTITUDE VERY FORTHCOMING
AND I THINK THEY WILL TRY TO BE HELPFUL. (CHRISTENSEN
DOES NOT AGREE WITH GULDBERG'S VIEWS ON THE FRENCH.) I
DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE
THEM BY DELAYING THE CONFERENCE FOR SEVERAL DAYS BUT HOPE
THAT CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN TO THIS REQUEST.
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